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Source: Lewin Group estimates using the Health Benefits Simulation Model (HBSM).

SUPPORTING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Police Week. There have been ceremonies all around our country this week to recognize the service and dedication the men and women of law enforcement provide our community. In my own district, there will be a Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast this Friday.

Unfortunately, National Police Week is no joyous occasion. 158 peace officers killed in the line of duty this past year. It is important to note that the U.S. lost just a few more men and women during the entire Persian Gulf War. To date, there have been over 15,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Virtually every community has lost someone special to it.

Mr. Speaker, each one of the heroes has stories to tell: of community service, dedication to job, and love for family. For the families and fellow officers, this week serves as a painful reminder that their lives will never be the same. We will put their loved one's name on a memorial wall and that is a good thing, but we shall never fully appreciate their grief. Our pledge to them should be that we will continue the work toward a safe community that their loved one sought and died to give us.

There are over 700,000 law enforcement officers at every level of government who put their life and mental well-being on the line every day to protect our community from forces that wish to undermine our safety. They deserve recognition as well this week. Law enforcement officers encounter every day the part of society that most of us are unwilling to confront. What is particularly tragic is many of them face violence or the threat of violence themselves and then face unfair criticism by individuals who either have no idea what it's like on the streets or are unwilling to make the same sacrifice. They are our friends and not our adversaries.

Mr. Speaker, National Police Week is a good beginning for showing support for our law enforcement officers. We should show appreciation to them every day by our prayers and words of encouragement. For all Eastern Washington officers, I personally say thank you for your dedication and protection of our communities.

THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a matter of importance to the nation and to my district in South Florida. A

brochure prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) provides considerable detail regarding the enormous positive economic contribution which the cruise industry provides throughout the United States.

This study concluded that the cruise industry is responsible for creating jobs in every state in the country. These are good jobs that provide families all over America with security and with the opportunity to prosper and to grow. Secondly, it is significant to our national economy that billions of dollars in U.S. products are purchased by the cruise industry each year. As this industry continues to grow and to prosper, more U.S. companies will benefit from expanded business.

The study concluded that the total economic impact of the cruise industry in 1997 was \$11.6 billion. Of this, \$6.6 billion was the direct spending of the cruise lines and their passengers on U.S. goods and services. An additional \$5 billion was expended by cruise industry U.S.-based goods and service providers. Therefore, each year the total impact of the U.S. cruise industry is \$11.6 billion, and these purchases occur in every state in the country. This PwC study also revealed that the cruise industry, through its direct employment and the jobs attributable to its U.S. supplier base, totalled 176,433 jobs for U.S. citizens in 1997. The cruise industry has been growing by 6–10 percent every year. For Americans, that can mean 10,000–17,000 new jobs each year.

In my home state, where there are five major ports of cruise passenger embarkation, the industry employs 58,876 people. In addition, millions of dollars are spent in purchases of products as varied as air travel, land transportation, hotel and lodging, food and beverages, business services, banking services, longshore and port services, floral services, and tableware and linens.

The PwC study also revealed that the cruise industry in 1997 paid over \$1 billion in various federal taxes and user fees, and local state fees and taxes.

In the past, cruising was perceived as a vacation available only to wealthy American families. But, in fact, last year over 909,000 Floridians took a cruise vacation, and these passengers included retirees, newlyweds, bank clerks, teachers, families and children from every income bracket. This is because the cruise industry has been able to provide a safe and enjoyable vacation experience at a price which is competitive with other land-based destinations.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, the cruise industry is good business for all of America. It creates jobs and generates significant revenue for the U.S. economy every year.

Finally, I want to introduce into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statistics which illustrate the cruise industry's revenues and expenditures in 1997. These figures represent the economic impact of the North American cruise industry.

Direct spending of the cruise lines and their passengers on goods and services produced in the United States in 1997: \$6.6 billion.

Total economic impact of the cruise lines, their passengers, and their U.S. suppliers in 1997: \$11.6 billion.

These expenditures generated jobs in the U.S.: 176,433 U.S. jobs.

Direct industry expenditures included purchases from major U.S. industries, such as airline transportation, food and beverages,

business services, energy, and financial services.

This economic impact touched upon virtually every segment of the U.S. economy. Those industries most heavily impacted upon are summarized below:

Airline Transportation: \$1.8 billion.

Transportation Services: \$1.2 billion.

Business Services: \$1.0 billion.

Energy: \$988 million.

Financial Services: \$698 million.

Food & Beverages: \$607 million.

IN HONOR OF SGT. HERIBERTO (EDDIE) CARATTINI: AMERICAN POLICE HALL OF FAME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sgt. Heriberto Carattini, a highly decorated 16-year police veteran, who is this year's American Police Hall of Fame Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

In the early morning hours of February 8, 1998, Sgt. Carattini heroically defused a dangerous situation in which a gunman had taken control of a precinct station, saving the lives of fellow officers.

At about 2 a.m. Carattini arrived at Jersey City's West District station after volunteering to work a second consecutive shift. As he parked his squad car, he heard gunshots. Upon entering the lobby, Carattini saw a desk officer taking cover behind the front desk and heard the shift lieutenant yelling in pain.

First, Carattini motioned the uninjured desk officer to safety, then made his way to the lieutenant, who was bleeding profusely from two bullet wounds, to the abdomen and thigh. Carattini ended the situation by shooting the gunman once in the chest. The lieutenant, who had been shot with his own gun, eventually recovered, while the gunman was charged with multiple felony counts.

The recipient of more than 20 police awards, Carattini has distinguished himself as a top-flight detective. During the same month, his actions as a hostage negotiator were credited with saving seven lives. In addition, the Sergeant has been credited with over 5,000 narcotics arrests.

Sergeant Heriberto Carattini is a hero every day, just by performing the duties of a police officer. But the valor he exhibited in saving the lives of his fellow police officers last February 8, deserves the national recognition he has received by being honored by the American Police Hall of Fame. I am sure the entire Congress joins me in thanking Sergeant Carattini for his exceptional service.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to The Church of the Holy